



SO, HAVE
YOU WRITTEN
ANYTHING
GOOD YET?

WELL, THERE IS THIS
ONE LINE, BUT I
THINK IT'S ALREADY
BEEN DONE.



"LAST NIGHT, I DREAMT
OF GUACAMORA, AGAIN..."

WHAT?

YEAH, SOUNDS NICE,
THOUGH I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT EXACTLY IT
MEANS.

SO THE WRITER DOESN'T KNOW
HIS OWN WORK?

NOT AT ALL, I AM MORE OF A
HISTORIAN. I SET UP THE
CHARACTERS AND THE SETTING
AND THE EVENTS, AND LET THEM
DO THE WORK. IT'S ALL IN MY
HEAD OF COURSE, BUT THE ONLY
THING THAT I DO IS PUT DOWN
ON PAPER HOW EVERYTHING
DEVELOPS.



THAT SEEMS LIKE A VERY
ODD APPROACH TO WRITING.
DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE
CONTROL OVER YOUR OWN CHARACTERS?



NOT REALLY.
BECAUSE THEN
THEY DON'T FEEL
ALIVE.



IF I "WROTE" THEM HOWEVER I WANTED
THEM TO BE, THEY WOULD FEEL FLAT.



SO INSTEAD THEY ARE
HAPHAZARD?
RUNNING
AROUND
DOING
WHATEVER
THEY
PLEASE?
NOT VERY
ORGANIZED.



YEAH,
BUT DOES
ORGANIZATION
MAKE FOR
A GOOD
STORY?



SOMETIMES, ACTUALLY A LOT OF TIMES, YOU
GET INTO SITUATIONS WHERE YOU KNOW
THAT A CHARACTER WILL MAKE A CHOICE,
AND YOU CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING
TO LEAD, AND KNOW FULL WELL THAT
IT'S NOT GOING IN ANY DIRECTION
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO. AS A
PERSON, AND A WRITER, YOU WANT
TO CHANGE IT, YOU WANT HER TO
PUT DOWN THE BOTTLE AND NOT DRINK
THE POISON, BECAUSE YOU AS THE
WRITER WOULD NOT DO THAT YOURSELF.
BUT THEN AGAIN THAT CHOICE IS NOT UP
TO YOU, IT IS THEIRS.

HAHAHAHA
I GUESS THERE IS SOME
TRUTH TO THAT. I CAN THINK
OF SEVERAL BOOKS OF GAY
CHARACTERS WHERE YOU KNOW
THAT IN THE PLACE AND TIME
THAT THEY ARE IN, IT'S NOT
THE BRIGHTEST IDEA TO
"COME OUT".

WELL THAT IS AN INTERESTING POINT,
SINCE I COULD ARGUE THAT THE BOOK
THEN SERVES THE ROLE OF AN OUTLET
FOR THE WRITER.

IN ANY CASE, MOST OF THOSE
STORIES ARE USUALLY INTERESTING
BECAUSE OF THE HARD DECISIONS
THAT THE CHARACTERS MAKE.



THIS MAKES ME WONDER ABOUT
THE VERY PEOPLE THAT
I SEE EVERY DAY.
I WONDER HOW
MUCH OF THEIR
LIFE IS
INFLUENCED
BY THE
SETTINGS
THAT
THEY
ARE
IN.




I HAVE NEVER BEEN A
RELIGIOUS PERSON,
BUT THE THOUGHT
OF AN
INEFFABLE
BEING,
SITTING UP
THERE,
JUST WAITING
TO SEE WHAT
HAPPENS...
WELL, IT KIND OF
MAKES ME LAUGH.
IT SOUNDS
SILLY.



DON'T TAKE THIS
THE WRONG
WAY, BUT
I AM TRYING
TO IMAGINE
OUR VERY
LIVES, AS A
STORY, AND
HAVE GOD TAKE
AND APPROACH
TO WRITING MUCH
LIKE YOURS.


THAT
IS INTERESTING.
SO, WHAT DO
YOU SEE?

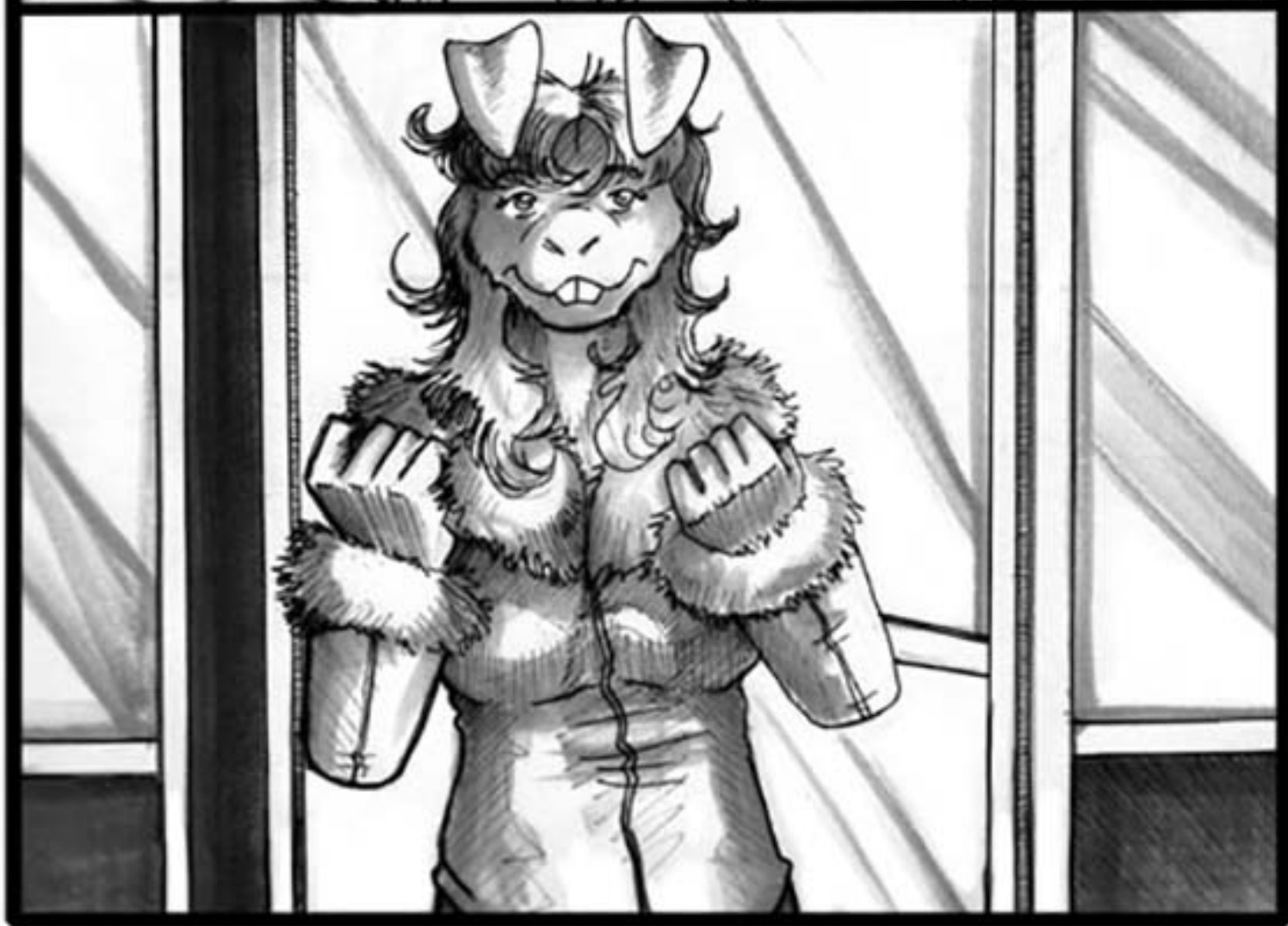


ON THE ONE HAND, IT'S A VERY REFRESHING THOUGHT TO KNOW
THAT I AM IN CONTROL OF MY OWN STORY, THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN
FREE WILL IN THIS STAGE AND LEFT TO DEAL WITH THE
EVENTS THAT UNFOLD AROUND ME. I CAN'T PREVENT
EARTHQUAKES, BUT I AM STILL RESPONSIBLE
FOR MY BILLS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I AM
A LITTLE BIT AFRAID THAT I MIGHT
SCREW IT UP. BECAUSE THEN I CAN'T BLAME
ANYONE BUT MYSELF.

AND THIRD, IT MAKES ME FEEL
KIND OF USED TO BE A PART OF SOMEONE
ELSE'S ENTERTAINMENT. YOU KNOW?
CONSTANTLY BEING WATCHED BY AN
OMNISCIENT PEEPING-TOM.





WELL, THIS DAY JUST KEEPS GETTING
BETTER AND BETTER.

HI HON.
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE AT THIS
TIME?

ARE THEY NOT KEEPING
YOU BUSY ENOUGH
AT WORK?



HEY THERE,
I HAVE SOME
FREE TIME.
WITH THE
ECONOMY
THE WAY
IT IS, WE
DON'T SEE
MANY
PEOPLE AT
THIS DAY
OF THE
WEEK.



SO I
THOUGHT
I SHOULD
DROP BY.



BESIDES,
THE FOOD
IS BETTER
HERE THAN
ANY JOIN
IN THAT
AREA.





ALSO, THE SERVICE HERE IS MUCH BETTER. AND THE STAFF IS BETTER LOOKING.

SO, HOW HAS YOUR DAY BEEN COMING ALONG?



SO FAR SO GOOD. WE HAVE HAD A STEADY TRICKLING OF CUSTOMERS. NOT TOO BUSY, BUT BUSY ENOUGH.

FOR THE MOST PART, I HAVE BEEN CHATTING IT UP WITH MY FRIEND HERE. LOUIS, THIS IS MY FRIEND-FRIEND THIS IS MY MATE LOUIS.



IT'S A PLEASURE.

FORGIVE ME, BUT WHAT IS YOUR NAME OLD MAN?



WELL THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION. THE FUNNY THING IS THAT MOST PEOPLE I MEET, END UP CALLING ME JUST THAT, "OLD MAN".

I DON'T KNOW WHY IT STUCK, OR HOW MOST PEOPLE COME TO THE SAME NICKNAME, BUT IT WORKS.

HOWEVER, IF YOU MUST PUT A NAME TO THE FACE, I WILL NOT OBJECT.

SO, LET ME ADD THAT YOU MAY CALL ME "OJISAN" AND I AM DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU.

SO, I HAVE SOME REALLY INTERESTING NEWS TO TELL YOU.

I WAS SITTING AROUND AT THE LGBT CENTER EARLIER WHEN I HEARD A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THIS PLACE.

APARENTLY, OUR LITTLE DINER HAS
STARTED TO GET A REPUTATION AS
AN LGBT HANGOUT SPOT.

OUTSIDE OF WEST
HOLLYWOOD,
THERE AREN'T
MANY.

OH
REALLY?

I WILL AGREE THAT THIS CITY
SEEMS VERY DIVIDED IN THAT WAY.
THERE ARE SEVERAL SPOTS IN
THE CITY THAT ARE FRIENDLY,
AND THERE ARE A LOT OF
PIECES THAT ARE NOT.

I HAVE NOTICED THAT INDEED,
LIKE YOU MENTIONED, THERE ARE
NOT A LOT OF "GAY" ESTABLISH-
MENTS OUTSIDE WE-HO. BUT,
IS IT REALLY SUCH A GOOD
IDEA TO START EARNING
THAT KIND OF A REPUTATION?

OUTSIDE OF
THAT AREA I
MEAN?

ARE YOU NOT
CONCERNED
THAT IT
MIGHT MAKE
YOU A TARGET
FOR A BROKEN
WINDOW?

YOU KNOW, I NEVER THOUGHT
ABOUT THAT.

HMM...

WELL, I SUPPOSE IT WOULD.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE OLDER
GENERATION. IN THIS AREA
THEY DON'T SEEM TO CARE.
WE MIGHT GET SOME
TROUBLE FROM KIDS THOUGH.
THERE ARE AT LEAST
TWO SCHOOLS
NEARBY.

ULTIMATELY THOUGH, I THINK WE WILL BE FINE. BESIDES, ONE BROKEN WINDOW DOESN'T COMPARE TO THE GOOD THAT WE DO BY JUST BEING HERE.

WE DON'T DISCRIMINATE, SO LGBT YOUTH CAN CHOOSE TO DINE IN A SAFE PLACE. AND IT IS OUR CHOICE TO PROVIDE IT. NO MATTER THE RISK.

FUNNY YOU SHOULD MENTION THAT. WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT PERSONAL CHOICES.


AND IN THIS CASE, I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH THE ONE THAT YOU TWO HAVE MADE.

PEOPLE MAKING CHOICES. IT'S KIND OF EXCITING. SMALL CHANGES LIKE THIS ARE USUALLY THE ONES THAT END UP MOVING MOUNTAINS.

I DON'T THINK WE DID IT TO CHANGE THE WORLD. THIS IS THE DINER THAT I HAVE ALWAYS GONE TO, IT'S A SECOND HOME FOR US.

THE PREVIOUS OWNER, A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, ALWAYS MADE US FEEL WELCOMED. GAY, STRAIGHT, UNDECIDED, IT DIDN'T MATTER.

WE ARE JUST CONTINUING THE TRADITION.



HERE IS YOUR ARNOLD PALMER. WITH
MORE ICED TEA THAN LEMONADE,
— JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT.

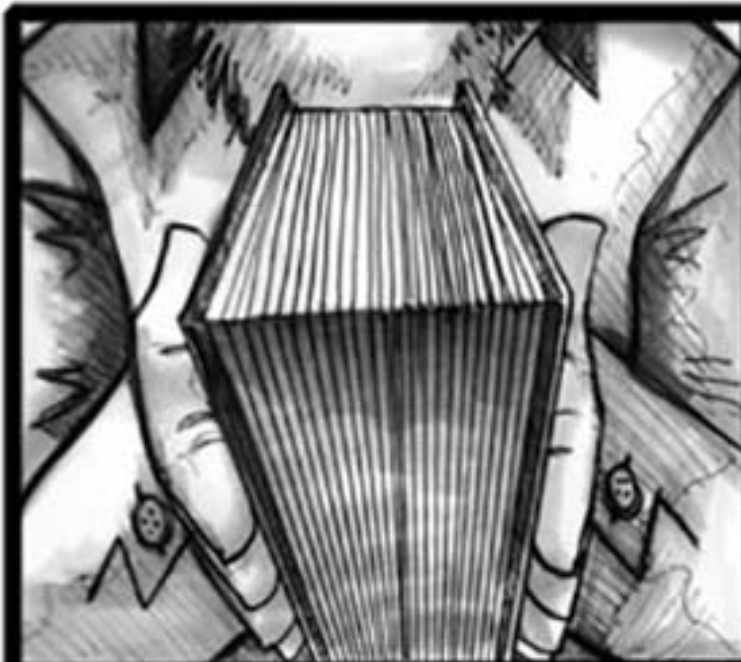
ANYWAYS, I AGREE
THAT AT FIRST, IT
SOUNDED LIKE A
CRAZY IDEA, AND
MORE THAN ENOUGH
PEOPLE TOLD US SO.
BUT THERE IS THIS
FEELING I GET THAT
THAT KEEPS TELLING
ME THAT I AM RIGHT.

YEAH, I AGREE WITH YOU. IT WAS A CRAZY MOVE. BUT IT FEELS
RIGHT. AND EVERY NIGHT, WHEN I SEE THE HAPPY PEOPLE JUST
ENJOYING THIS PLACE, IT IS ALL TOTALLY WORTH IT.



HMM...



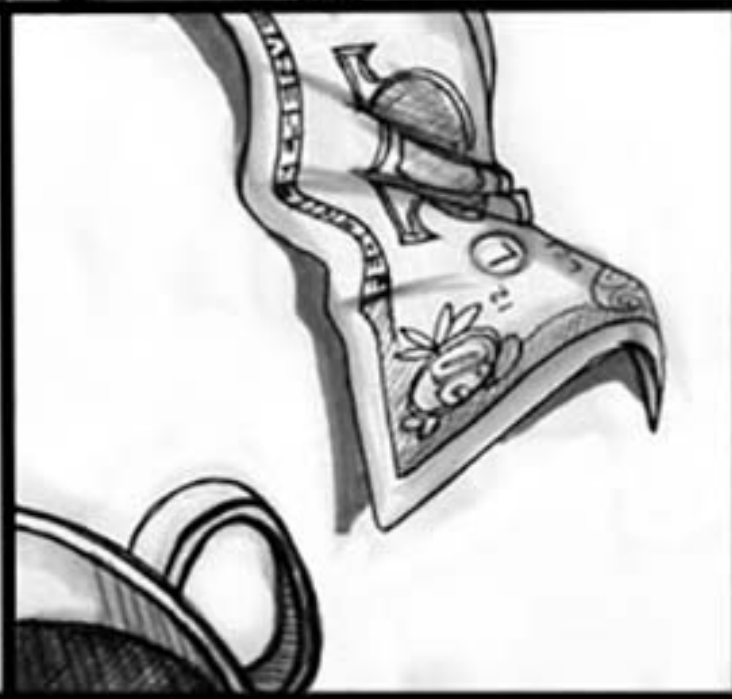


WELL, PERSONALLY
I JUST CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE HOW
THINGS PLAY OUT.
THERE IS, AFTER ALL,
NO POINT IN TRYING
TO GUESS THE
FUTURE. SO, ALL
WE CAN DO, IS WAIT
AND SEE.

AND WRITE,
IN MY CASE.

AND FOR TODAY,
I THINK I AM
DONE WITH
THAT.

SO, I'M
GOING TO
BID YOU LADIES
ADIEU. I HAVE
ERRANDS
TO RUN.



MISS ROSE, MISS LOUIS,
IT HAS TRULY BEEN
A PLEASURE.

AND I HAVE TO
CONFESS, THIS
HAS BECOME
ONE OF MY
FAVORITE
PLACES TO
SIT DOWN
AND
THINK.

EVEN THOUGH
WE DIDNT
TALK MUCH,
THE FEELING
IS MUTUAL.

PLUS THE COFFEE
IS FANTASTIC.

SAY HELLO
TO THE
REST OF THE
GANG FOR
ME.

OH, AND MISS ROSE,
HE MIGHT BE
A PEEPING TOM,
BUT I DOUBT IT'S
BECAUSE OF
AMUSEMENT, OR
ANYTHING LESS
THAN SHEER
CURIOSITY.

GOOD DAY
LADIES.

WHAT AN INTERESTING FELLOW,
THAT OJIISAN. DOES HE KNOW
ANY OF THE OTHER GUYS?

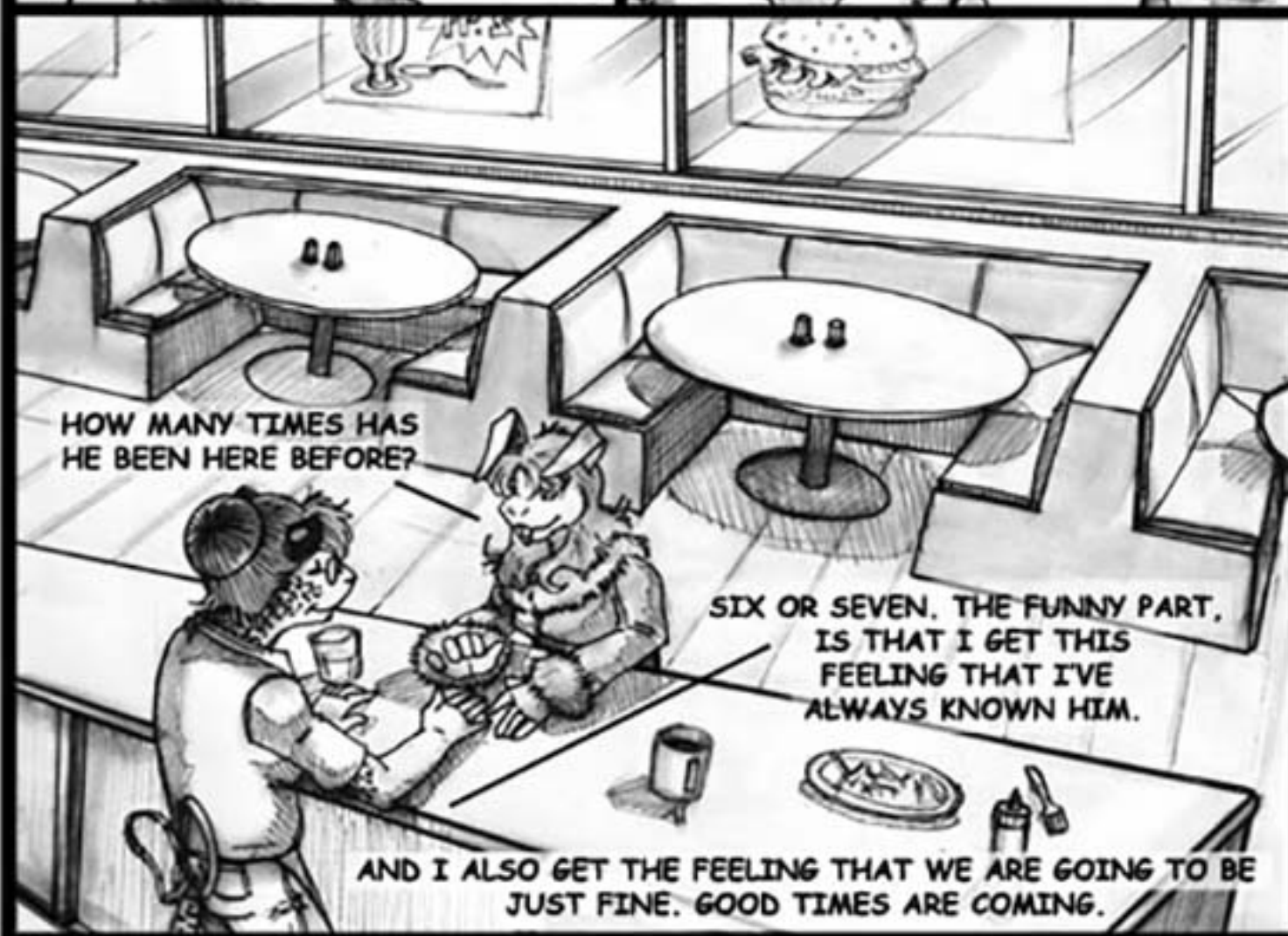
I DON'T KNOW.



I HOPE
THAT
WE
DON'T
KEEP
ATTRACTING
STRANGE
PEOPLE
LIKE HIM.

I DON'T THINK HE'S THAT STRANGE.
HE IS GOOD AT CONVERSATIONS.
USUALLY SHOWS UP WHEN THERE IS
ALMOST NO ONE HERE.

AND HE IS AN AMAZING
TIPPER. HE ORDERED
FRIES AND COFFEE
AND LEFT A TWENTY.
HE ALWAYS
DOES THAT.



HOW MANY TIMES HAS
HE BEEN HERE BEFORE?

SIX OR SEVEN. THE FUNNY PART,
IS THAT I GET THIS
FEELING THAT I'VE
ALWAYS KNOWN HIM.

AND I ALSO GET THE FEELING THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE
JUST FINE. GOOD TIMES ARE COMING.

ALL THESE THINGS THAT
HAVE DONE

I

-The Killers-







HEY THERE
HANDSOME. I
HOPE THAT YOU
HAVEN'T BEEN
WAITING
LONG.



NO, I GOT HERE
TEN MINUTES
AGO. NOT TOO
LONG.



GREAT, BECAUSE WE ARE STILL EARLY
FOR OUR RESERVATIONS.

I WANTED
TO TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT
SOMETHING
BEFORE WE
HEAD IN.



CARE FOR A WALK?

I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT I REALLY LIKE YOU. AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A STEADY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. BUT I FEEL THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS WHO YOU REALLY ARE. SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE YOU ARE JUST ACTING. AND I KNOW IT HAS TO DO WITH WHATEVER MADE YOU GO AND SIT BY THE LGBT CENTER.

SO, CAN I ASK YOU TO TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T...

BUT...

I REALLY LIKE YOU TOO.

IT'S JUST THAT I HATE REMEMBERING IT.

IT'S FINE IF YOU WANT TO KEEP TO YOURSELF.

JUST AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THAT I WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU. THE GOOD, AND THE BAD.



IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF THIS ONE GUY. SORT OF. I MET HIM AT A CONVENIENCE STORE, AND HE CAUGHT ME CHECKING HIM OUT. HE SEEMED KIND OF UPSET AT FIRST, BUT LIKE ALWAYS, I MANAGED TO CHARM HIM TO MY GOOD SIDE. HE WAS CUTE AND EVERYTHING, SO I TOOK HIM HOME WITH ME. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE HAD PLANNED FOR THAT WHEN HE CAUGHT ME STARING.



HE WAS A BIT ROUGH THROUGH ALL OF IT, AND I JUST FIGURED THAT HE WAS INTO THAT SORT OF THING. WHEN HE FINISHED I WAS DISAPPOINTED SO I MADE A PLAYFUL COMMENT, AND THEN HE BLEW UP ON ME. HE SAID THAT IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT I HADN'T FINISHED, BECAUSE I WAS ONLY A PLAYTOY. THAT IT WAS WHAT ALL US "FAGS" WERE. HE WENT ON ABOUT HOW NONE OF US EVER HAVE COMMITMENT, AND ALL WE WANT IS SEX. THAT WE ARE BROKEN AND DISEASED ON THE INSIDE. NORMALLY I WOULDN'T HAVE CARED, BUT FOR SOME REASON, THAT NIGHT, IT KIND OF REALLY AFFECTED ME. HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE MOST CLOSETED PERSON I HAVE EVER MET. BUT HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT A COUPLE OF THINGS.



I HAVE BEEN WITH MORE MEN THAN I CAN REMEMBER.
I'VE NEVER HAD A STEADY RELATIONSHIP.
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT, AT THAT POINT, I HAD
BECOME SOMETHING THAT MY ENTIRE FAMILY WOULD
BE ASHAMED OF; AND MORE IMPORTANTLY,
I FELT ASHAMED OF MYSELF.

I STARED AT THE LGBT CENTER BECAUSE
I FELT THAT I HAD BEEN CHEATED OUT
OF ALL THE AMAZING THINGS THAT
I THOUGHT BEING GAY WAS ABOUT.
UP UNTIL THEN I HAD MODELED
MYSELF AFTER WHAT I THOUGHT GAY WAS
IN ORDER TO FIND LOVE, BUT ALL I SUCCEEDED
IN DOING WAS BECOMING ANOTHER RUN-OF-THE-MILL
QUEER.



THAT DUMB LION HURT ME IN WAYS THAT I
DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. AND TO BE HONEST, WHEN
I SLEPT WITH YOU I KIND OF DID IT TO PROVE
TO MYSELF THAT I WAS STILL WANTED, THAT
IT WASN'T JUST THE SKIMPY CLOTHES OR THE
"EASY ACCESS" ATTITUDE THAT I PRESENTED
MYSELF WITH.

BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT I
WAS MAKING ANOTHER MISTAKE.
YOU DIDN'T DESERVE TO BE JUST
THAT EXTRA NOTCH. THAT IS WHY
I FREAKED OUT THAT NIGHT.

I AM SORRY.





DON'T BE SORRY.
I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU WERE GOING
THROUGH. AND TO BE FAIR,
YOU DIDN'T FORCE ME TO GO
HOME WITH YOU, I WANTED TO.
AND I DON'T REGRET IT.

IT DOES STING A LITTLE TO HEAR
IT, BUT IT WILL PASS. AT LEAST NOW
I KNOW WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH
YOUR MIND.

AND IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I TELL
YOU ABOUT MYSELF TOO.





I WAS A PRETTY HAPPY CHILD. I WAS AN ONLY CHILD, AND THERE REALLY WASN'T ANYTHING TOO SPECIAL ABOUT ME. AS A KID I WAS AVERAGE IN PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING. RACHEL AND JOHNATHAN, MY PARENTS WERE THE EXACT DEFINITION OF MIDDLE CLASS AMERICA. I WILL SAY THAT THEY WERE LIBERAL IN THEIR VIEWS, SINCE I WAS NEVER FORCED TO GO TO CHURCH, BUT I DID LEARN HOW TO HANDLE A GUN BY THE AGE OF 10.

I GREW UP IN SUBURBIA, AND IN WISCONSIN, WHERE THERE REALLY ISN'T MUCH TO DO, OTHER THAN BE AMERICAN. THE PERSON THAT I AM TODAY IS TO SOME DEGREE INFLUENCED BY LIFE HERE IN LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE BACK THEN, I WAS AS PLAIN AS RICE.

OVERALL, I WOULD SAY THAT WE WERE A VERY HAPPY FAMILY. MY MOM AND DAD HAD PLANNED TO HAVE ME, SO WE WERE NEVER IN ANY FINANCIAL STRESS, AND SINCE I DIDN'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS, I HAD ALL THE ATTENTION THAT I WOULD EVER NEED. NOW, I DID HAVE A STRICT CODE OF CONDUCT, SO I WILL TOOT MY OWN HORN AND SAY THAT I DIDN'T GROW UP A SPOILED BRAT.

DAD WAS ALWAYS A BIG BELIEVER IN CHIVALRY, AND HE PASSED THAT ON TO ME. MY MOM WAS A VERY PASSIONATE WOMAN, WHO BELIEVED IN LOVE AND KINDNESS. SO I WILL BLAME THEM FOR RAISING ME TO BE CORNY.



I MISS THEM BOTH SO VERY MUCH.

WHEN I WAS 14, MY MOTHER DIED. AND IT WAS FROM THAT POINT ON THAT EVERYTHING JUST KIND OF FELL OUT OF PLACE. I KNOW THAT USUALLY THERE IS A HUGE DIVISION BETWEEN HOMOSEXUALITY AND RELIGION. MOST PEOPLE THAT I MEET HERE OPPOSE IT.



BUT I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH A LOT OF THINGS WITHOUT IT. MY FATHER LOVED MY MOTHER. IN A WAY THAT I CANNOT EVEN DESCRIBE. AND AFTER SHE PASSED AWAY, IT WAS ALMOST AS IF HE HAD DIED WITH HER.



I'M SO SORRY.

THANK YOU.

HIS ENTIRE PERSONALITY CHANGED. AND AS MUCH AS I AM ASHAMED TO SAY IT I FELT A LITTLE BIT JEALOUS. BACK THEN I ALWAYS FELT THAT HE SHOULD BE HAPPY THAT WAS STILL THERE. AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE FELT UNTIL MANY YEARS LATER.



I KNOW NOW THAT HE LOVED ME, AND THAT HE CARED FOR ME A LOT. BUT THE WAY HE LOVED MY MOTHER WAS SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. I WAS THE REASON HE KEPT GOING, BUT SHE WAS HIS SOUL. SLOWLY HIS HEALTH STARTED DETERIORATING, AND WHEN I WAS 16, HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. OF COURSE HE DIDN'T TELL ME. HE HID IT FROM ME.



HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL AND MOVED ON TO COLLEGE. AND HE DID. I DIDN'T FIND OUT UNTIL I TURNED 18. HE PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS 19, MY FIRST YEAR OUT HERE.

I HAVE NO OTHER CLOSE FAMILY, SO I HAVE BEEN ON MY OWN SINCE.

WHEN HE WAS GONE, I WENT THROUGH A HUGE DEPRESSION. IT WAS SUDDENLY HORRIBLE OVERWHELMING TO BE ALONE. I HAD ALWAYS HAD THEM BOTH, AND IN A SHORT TIME, I HAD LOST THEM BOTH.

AT THE FUNERAL, THERE WERE ONLY FRIENDS. BOTH MY PARENTS WERE WELL LIKED BUT IT WAS STILL HORRIBLE TO HEAR THE WHISPERS BEHIND MY BACK, "POOR CHILD" "IT'S SUCH A SHAME", "WHAT A TRAGEDY" ETCETERA,



I SUPPOSE I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH THAT MOM AND DAD HAD LIFE INSURANCE, SO I WAS LEFT WITH ENOUGH MONEY NOT TO WORRY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. AND WHILE SOME MIGHT SAY THAT IT'S A GREAT THING, I WOULD TAKE MY PARENTS BACK AND BE POOR ANY DAY..

SO I TOOK A JOB, ANY JOB, MOSTLY IT WAS SO THAT I COULD FOCUS ON SOMETHING ELSE. AND FOR A TIME, IT WORKED. I STARTED FEELING HAPPY, AND I FORGOT ABOUT EVERYTHING FOR A WHILE. I FIGURED THAT I COULD START REBUILDING AND SOUGHT AFTER THE ONLY THING THAT AT THAT TIME I KNEW WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY. A FAMILY.

I STARTED DATING WOMEN SINCE THAT WAS HOW I WAS RAISED. EVEN WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE IT NEVER DAWNED ON ME THAT I WAS GAY. AND WHEN I STARTED GOING OUT WITH WOMEN I FELT GOOD.

THE PROBLEM WAS THAT I WAS ONLY HAPPY BECAUSE I WAS FITTING INTO THE MOLD THAT MY PARENT HAD CREATED. AND MOST OF THE WOMEN THAT I DATED HAD A PERSONALITY THAT REMINDED ME A LOT OF MY MOTHER. MAYBE THAT WAS WHY I WAS ATTRACTED TO THEM.

IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO REALIZE THAT I WAS GAY.



AND WHEN I MET YOU I WAS REMINDED OF ALL THE INSECURITIES THAT I WENT THROUGH IN ORDER TO COME TO TERMS WITH MYSELF. IT'S NOT EASY ADMITTING THAT YOU ARE DIFFERENT THAN EVERYONE ELSE. THAT IN THESE TIMES, MOST OF THE WORLD WILL TEND TO HATE YOU AND WON'T UNDERSTAND YOU. I DEALT WITH IT ALL. I HAD THE ADVANTAGE THAT THERE WAS NO ONE TO COME OUT TO. I DON'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS, AND EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE GONE, I KNOW THAT MY PARENTS WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED ME NO MATTER WHAT.

IT MIGHT SOUND WRONG, BUT THAT IS WHAT ATTRACTED ME TO YOU, THAT I COULD SEE IN YOU SOME OF THE PAIN THAT I HAVE FELT. AT FIRST I WANTED TO HELP YOU AND FIX YOU, BUT AS I GOT TO KNOW YOU, THROUGH THE BITS AND PIECES OF YOUR REAL PERSONALITY THAT YOU LET PASS THROUGH THIS MASK, I STARTED TO REALIZE THAT I WANTED MORE.

THAT IS WHY I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO BE MY PARTNER.

THAT IS WHY I TOLD YOU ALL OF THIS, BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO HEAR, THAT I KNOW HOW IT ALL FEELS AND THAT I AM SURE YOU WILL GET OVER THIS. AND THAT I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN YOU DO.

SO...

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WILL WE BE GOING INTO THAT RESTAURANT AS A COUPLE?



WHAT?

WAIT? WHAT?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

EVEN AFTER ALL I TOLD YOU?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO
SAY?

ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS?



YES, I'M REALLY SERIOUS.

I WOULD REALLY LOVE
TO CALL YOU MY PARTNER.

YES...



HERE, I GOT YOU THIS. I HOPE THAT
YOU LIKE IT.

A SHIRT?

THANK
YOU.

OH, MY, GOD...





A black and white comic panel showing two anthropomorphic cats in profile, facing each other. The cat on the left has a striped pattern on its body, while the cat on the right wears a plaid cap and a vest. They are standing in front of a brick wall.

I LOVE IT.

HOW DID YOU
KNOW THAT I
WAS GOING TO
LIKE IT? I'VE TRIED SO
HARD TO HIDE STUFF
LIKE THIS FROM
YOU AND MYSELF.



A black and white comic panel showing the two cats from the previous panel. The cat on the left is now speaking and gesturing with its hand. The cat on the right is listening. The background is a brick wall.

THAT'S
EASY, I
STALKED YOU
ON FACEBOOK.
YOUR FRIENDS
HAVE A LOT
OF PICTURES
OF YOU.



SO, DO YOU LIKE IT? ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR IT?

I LOVE IT. AND I WILL ONLY WEAR IT IF YOU ARE SURE YOU WANT ME TO.

OF COURSE I'M SURE.



I'M A PRETTY HIGH MAINTENANCE GUY YOU KNOW.

I COULD FIGURE THAT OUT BY THE WAY YOU MAKE LOVE. BUT I THINK I KNOW WHAT I AM GETTING MYSELF INTO.

AND I STILL WANT YOU.





SO, SHOULD WE GO IN TO THE
RESTAURANT AND LET THEM KNOW
THAT WE WILL BE SITTING
TOGETHER AS A
COUPLE?

ACTUALLY, WOULD
YOU MIND IF
WE CANCEL THAT
RESERVATION?
I HAVE SOMETHING
ELSE IN MIND.

OH?
LIKE WHAT?

YOU WILL
SEE.








YOU KNOW, IT'S USUALLY NOT MY BUSINESS TO TALK PEOPLE OUT OF DRINKING, BUT I'VE SEEN YOU HERE ALMOST EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

YEAH, IT'S BEEN A BIT OF A ROUGH TIME FOR ME. A DRINK HERE OR THERE HELPS.

I'M GOING TO TAKE A WILD GUESS AND SAY THAT IT'S BECAUSE OF A WOMAN? A MAN? YOU CAN NEVER TELL THESE DAYS. EITHER WAY, I'M POSITIVE YOU ARE MEDICATING BECAUSE OF RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS.


AM I RIGHT?




YEAH, WELL, BECAUSE I USED TO HAVE
RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS.

I DON'T ANYMORE, AND THAT IS
THE PROBLEM. IF THAT MAKES SENSE.


A BREAK-UP.
I SEE.



DID SHE DUMP YOU
FOR SOMEONE ELSE?



CAUGHT HIM
CHEATING?



ARE YOU
AT LEAST GOING
TO TELL ME IF IT
WAS A GUY OR
A GAL?

IT WAS A GIRL.
SHE WAS MY HIGH-SCHOOL
SWEETHEART.
AND HAD BEEN MY GIRLFRIEND
FOR THE BETTER PART OF A
DECADE NOW.

AHH, I SEE.
SOUNDS ROUGH.

ACTUALLY, IT WAS A VERY
SMOOTH BREAK. WE JUST
DON'T TALK ANYMORE.
I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET HER
OUT OF MY HEAD.

IT ALWAYS HAPPENS
LIKE THAT.

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU THIS: THE ALCOHOL WILL PROBABLY JUST MAKE IT WORSE. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY PEOPLE END UP CALLING OR VISITING, OR CONTACTING THEIR EXES DUE TO ALCOHOL.

THE RESULT IS NEVER PRETTY.

I USUALLY LET THEM DO IT BECAUSE IT'S FUNNY. BUT IN YOUR CASE, I HAVE A FEELING THAT IT WILL JUST CAUSE THINGS TO GO REALLY SOUR.

UNLESS YOU CAN TELL ME THAT YOU REALLY WANT HER BACK AND THAT SHE FEELS THE SAME WAY.

I DON'T THINK I WANT HER BACK.

WELL, IN MY PERSONAL OPINION, I WOULD SUGGEST BURNING THE BRIDGE. IN MOST CASES, STAYING FRIENDS JUST CAUSES MORE WOUNDS.

I DON'T KNOW. I REALLY MISS HER.

AT LEAST I THINK I MISS HER. I JUST FEEL ALONE.

EVEN IF SHE WAS SEVERAL STATES AWAY, I ALWAYS FELT COMFORTABLE KNOWING SHE WAS THERE.

GOD! IT FEELS LIKE I'VE WASTED SO MUCH TIME. I AM SINGLE AGAIN! THIS SUCKS!



I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT THAT IS KIND OF FUNNY. AT YOUR AGE, SHOULDN'T THAT BE A GOOD THING?

YOU GET THE CHANCE TO GO OUT ON THE HUNT AGAIN.

MEET NEW WOMEN, AND THE SUCH.



ON THE HUNT AGAIN? I'M NOT EXACTLY THE BEST AT IT. I'VE ONLY EVER TRIED TO GET A GIRL ONCE! I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START NOW.



BESIDES, LOOK AT ME, I'M NOT EXACTLY THE BEST CATCH. I'M KIND OF FAT, I HAVE NO GOOD CLOTHES. MY CAR IS AT LEAST A DECADE OLD. AND THE LIST GOES ON. SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A NUT, BUT AT LEAST LILA DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THOSE THINGS. A NEW WOMAN DEFINITELY WILL.

AT LEAST — I THINK SHE WILL...

THAT DEFINITELY HAS A MISOGYNISTIC TONE TO IT. BUT SINCE YOU'RE BUZZED, I'LL LET IT SLIDE. ANYWAYS, WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO GO AND MEET NEW GIRLS. MAYBE GROW UP. EVEN LEARN MORE ABOUT WHO YOU ARE.

I AM DEFINITELY GETTING THE FEELING THAT

YOU STAYED WITH THIS LILA BECAUSE YOU FELT SAFE, YOU FELT THAT YOU WERE DONE.

SHE WAS YOUR SAFETY, YOUR BACK-UP PLAN. IF EVERYTHING ELSE CHANGED SHE WOULD STILL BE THERE. AND THAT IS JUST LAZY.

YOU ARE RIGHT TO SOME DEGREE. SHE DID MAKE ME FEEL THAT I HAD ALREADY CONQUERED ONE OF THE BIGGEST HURDLES.

I HAD A MATE. SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF MY FRIENDS ALWAYS COMPLAINED ABOUT. I WAS THE LUCKY ONE WHO DIDN'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT. AND NOW I AM IN THE SAME BOAT. AND IT SCARES ME, AND IT MAKES ME ANGRY AND IT MAKES ME DEPRESSED.

BUT DON'T YOU FIND THAT A LITTLE BIT THRILLING? THE IDEA OF GOING OUT THERE AND MEETING NEW AND EVEN MORE INTERESTING PEOPLE?

OLDER, YOUNGER, TALLER
SHORTER, SKINNIER,
WIDER, WITH SPOTS
WITH STRIPES,
WITH AN
ACCENT.

FOREIGN,
DOMESTIC,
MY, MY...



THE LIST GOES ON AND ON AND ON.
I REALIZE THAT THIS IS
NOT AS EASY AS GOING OUT
AND GETTING A NEW PAIR OF JEANS.
BUT IT'S SIMILAR IN A WAY.
YOU HAVE TO GET USED TO THE
IDEA OF CHANGE. AND MOST
PEOPLE DON'T LIKE CHANGE.
ULTIMATELY THOUGH, THERE
IS NOTHING THAT WE CAN
DO ABOUT IT.
THE WORLD WILL
CONTINUE TO CHANGE
AND WE CHANGE WITH IT.

IT USUALLY HAPPENS IN SMALL DOSES,
UNTIL IT ALL BECOMES APPARENT. AFTER
ALL, IT HAPPENED TO YOU AND LILA;
YOU BOTH CHANGED IN TINY
AMMOUNTS, THAT OVER TIME
DRASTICALLY
ALTERED WHO
YOU ARE NOW,
FROM WHO YOU
USED TO BE WHEN YOU
FIRST MET. THAT IS
WHAT DROVE YOU APPART.
AND IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S A GOOD
SIGN, BECAUSE IN A TRUE
RELATIONSHIP YOU BOTH WANT
TO CHANGE IN THE
SAME
DIRECTION.



OR AT LEAST IN WAYS
THAT WILL COMPLEMENT
EACH OTHER. PHYSICALLY
MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY,
EVEN SEXUALLY.

I'M NOT YOUNG ENOUGH THAT I DON'T REALIZE THAT.
I KNOW I HAVE TO MOVE ON. I KNOW THAT I
NEED TO FIND A NEW MATE. I ALSO REALIZE
THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN AS PERFECT
A COUPLE AS I THOUGHT. I MEAN, I MISS
HER, BUT LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE, IT
WASN'T A BAD BREAKUP. WE WERE ALREADY
KIND OF DISTANT.

WHAT I REGRET THE MOST,
ARE ALL THOSE LOST YEARS.

SIGH

OR MAYBE I'M JUST
DRUNK AND HORNY.





HERE, TRY THIS.
ON THE HOUSE.
IT WON'T
FIX YOUR
PROBLEMS,
BUT IT
WON'T
GIVE
YOU
MUCH OF
A HANG-
OVER.




AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, I AM ALSO
GOING TO CUT YOU OFF FOR TODAY.
I DOUBT THAT YOU NEED OR CAN HANDLE
ANYTHING MORE THAN THIS LAST GLASS.

HMM... LOOKS WEIRD.
WHAT IS IT?




ALL THAT YOU NEED
AND NOTHING YOU WANT.

TRUST YOUR FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD BARTENDER.
I'M CERTIFIED.




NOT BAD. THIS IS EITHER SOME REALLY
DECEIVINLY GOOD STUFF, OR PLAIN SUGAR
WATER.

YOU KNOW, MAYBE BEING SINGLE
WON'T BE SUCH A BAD
THING. IT'S JUST
THAT I AM A CREATURE
OF HABIT. I HATE
CHANGE.



GETTING ADJUSTED TO THE NEW
NORMAL WILL BE INTERESTING.



ABSOLUTELY.
THIS IS A WHOLE
NEW CHAPTER
FOR YOU.

HEH, MAYBE
IT WON'T ALL
BE SO BAD.

CHANGE IS
NOT ALWAYS
BAD. RIGHT?

I MEAN, IT CAN BE, BUT
NOT ALWAYS...

MY GOD... I'M REALIZING
HOW MUCH OF A
CHICKEN-SHIT I REALLY
AM, AND I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHY!

I'M WASTING
TIME SITTING
HERE: FEELING
SORRY ABOUT
HAVING WASTED
TIME.



I'M STARTING TO GET THAT
FEELING IN THE PIT OF MY
STOMACH THAT I GET
WHEN I GO ON A
ROLLER COASTER, A FUN
MIXTURE OF FEAR AND
EXCITEMENT THAT COMES
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE
OF THE SUDDEN
DROP AHEAD.

DID YOU KNOW THAT
I'M IN MY MID TWENTIES
AND I'VE ONLY EVER
GOTTEN AS FAR AS
SECOND BASE?

AND ONLY
WITH ONE BOOB?

DON'T TELL MY FRIENDS
THAT.



YOU KNOW WHAT?
I CAN FINALLY
DYE MY HAIR!
LILA WOULD NEVER
HAVE ALLOWED ME
TO!

THIS IS STARTING TO
SOUND MORE AND
MORE AWESOME THE
MORE I THINK ABOUT IT!

YEEEEEEAH!
THIS IS GOING
TO BE GREAT.



FIRST, I THINK I'M GOING
TO HIT THE STRIP CLUB.



LILA DIDN'T WANT ME GOING TO THE
GYM, SHE WAS AFRAID THAT I WAS
GOING TO GET HIT ON BY OTHER WOMEN.
AND SHE ALWAYS SAID THAT SHE LIKED
ME THE WAY I AM, GUT AND ALL.

BUT I THINK IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR ME
TO GET BACK IN SHAPE.

BUT I'VE
NEVER BEEN
TO ONE OF
THOSE! WHAT
WILL MY
FRIENDS
THINK?



MAYBE I'LL JUST START BY GOING TO
THE GYM. YEAH! THE GYM!



I DON'T THINK I WANT
TO TAKE CREDIT FOR
CREATING THIS MONSTER.

CALL ME NO
FRANKENSTEIN.

NO, NO, I MERELY
PROVIDED THE GENTLE
PUSH NECESSARY FOR
ANY WALL TO COLLAPSE
AFTER MANY, MANY
YEARS OF CONSTANT
PRESSURE BEHIND
IT.



I GUESS. I DON'T THINK
THAT I WILL GO
COMPLETELY
WILD. BUT
AT
LEAST
I
WON'T
BE AS
RESTRAINED.

IT'S A
GOOD
START.



THANK YOU
OLD MAN
SENSEI.



"OLD MAN SENSEI"?

I THINK
THAT I
AM
STUCK
WITH
THAT
NAME.

OH WELL, IT
COULD BE WORSE.



OK, I'M GOING
TO HEAD OFF; IT'S TIME
FOR ME TO SEE WHAT THE
WORLD HAS TO OFFER.

I WANT TO SEE WHAT
MY FRIENDS ARE UP TO,
AND IF THE LOCAL GYM IS
STILL OPEN.



SEE YA AROUND.
THANKS FOR THE DRINK.

GOODBYE.




OH MY GOD

-Ida Maria-







HEY THERE CHRIS.
HAVENT SEEN YOU
IN A WHILE. HOW ARE
YOU DOING?

HUSKY IS IN
THE SHOWER
GETTING
READY BY
THE WAY.

I AM DOING FANTASTIC
TODAY! I DECIDED THAT
I AM GOING TO TRY
A LITTLE
EXPERIMENT.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO TRY IT OUT WITH YOU.
SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY, CARE TO HELP?

WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT?

THE LIFE CHANGING
KIND.





YOU'RE DRUNK OUT OF
YOUR MIND, AREN'T
YA?



DO YOU KNOW THE
BEST PART?

YOU'RE
STILL
HORRIBLY
UN-ATTRACTIVE!



SOMEONE JUST RECENTLY REMINDED ME
THAT I AM YOUNG AND SINGLE,
AND I FIGURED THAT I
SHOULD TRY STUFF OUT.
AND I WAS CURIOUS.

ABOUT YOUR
SEXUALITY?

YEAH, I MEAN, EVER
SINCE I CAN REMEMBER
I'VE BEEN STRAIGHT
BECAUSE I HAD A
GIRLFRIEND. NOW
THAT I AM SINGLE
I WANTED TO SEE
IF I WAS ATTRACTED
TO MEN.

AND I
AM NOT.

AND WHAT
DID I HAVE
TO DO WITH
ANY OF THIS?

OH GOD.

YOU WERE
HERE, AND
YOU ARE
ATTRACTIVE
ACCORDING
TO OTHER
PEOPLE.

THAT HUG DID NOTHING FOR ME.
I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL A FLINCH
DOWN THERE.

I'M SURPRISED, THE
WHOLE GANG THINKS
YOU'RE A HOTTIE.
EVEN THE GIRLS.

MOST OF THE GIRLS THAT HUSKY
HAD INTRODUCED ME TO
ARE LESBIANS. YOU
MUST BE THINKING
OF THE WRONG GUY,
OR THE WRONG GIRLS.

NO, IT WAS YOU.
WHEN YOU FIRST
SLEPT WITH
HUSKY, HE GOT
QUESTIONED.
I THINK IT WAS
THE FIRST
TIME YOU
SLEPT WITH
HIM?

EVEN ROSE WANTED
TO KNOW HOW
BIG YOUR
WEENIE
IS!

HA
HA
HA!

WHAT!?

DON'T WORRY,
HUSKY NEVER TOLD
US. BUT I STILL THINK
ROSE WANTS TO KNOW,
AND I KNOW ANDY
DEFINITELY DOES!

MAYBE I'LL HAVE TO HUG YOU
AGAIN AND SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT!
JUST TO HAVE ONE OVER THEM.

HE-HEEEE!

HOW ABOUT
NO!

YOU ARE
DRUNK OUT
OF YOUR
MIND.

LET'S WAIT UNTIL HUSKY
GETS OUT OF THE SHOWER SO WE
CAN GET YOU SOME FOOD. YOU NEED
TO SOBER UP. I DON'T KNOW HOW
MUCH MORE OF THIS I CAN TAKE.

YEAH.

I GET MONIE'S
REAGER.



WHY AM I WORRYING
SO MUCH? THE FACT THAT
THINGS WILL CHANGE
DOESN'T MEAN THAT
IT WILL BE FOR THE
WORSE.

NO, WHAT I AM
WORRYING ABOUT
IS WHAT IS GOING
TO HAPPEN
WHEN HE
IS OUT
OF MY
LIFE.

I MEAN, MEETING SAETTO
AND HAVING HIM IN MY LIFE
IS A CHANGE FROM BEFORE.
I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT.

HUSKY!
YOU NEED TO COME
OUT HERE NOW!
CHRIS IS REALLY
DRUNK AND GETTING
READY TO GET NAKED!

HEHE, NEVER A
DULL MOMENT.

THEN LET HIM
GET NAKED! HE
ALWAYS WALKS
AROUND THE HOUSE
IN HIS UNDERWEAR.
THAT IS PRACTICALLY
NAKED.

I THINK
I JUST NEED
TO RELAX.



MAYBE I AM WORRYING
ABOUT NOTHING AT ALL.

SO, EVEN IF I
TAKE THEM OFF, YOU
WONT? THAT'S NOT
FAIR!



I NEVER SAID I
WAS PLAYING!

YOU GO AHEAD
AND STRIP ALL ON
YOUR OWN.

AWWW--

MAYBE YOU
SHOULD BOTH
STRIP.

OH?

YOU'RE SUCH A PERV.
KEEP DREAMING HON. I'M NOT INTO
THAT, AND CHRIS ONLY WANTS TO SEE
ME NAKED SO THAT HE CAN BRAG
TO THE REST OF YOUR FRIENDS.

YEAH, I KNOW, BUT THINK OF
HOW FUNNY IT WOULD BE FOR WHEN
HE SOBERS UP! WE CAN SAY THAT WE
BOTH HAD TURNS AT HIM.

I CAN HEAR YOU...

HOW ABOUT WE JUST
GO OUT AND GET SOME FOOD?





YEAH, THAT SOUNDS FINE. LET ME PUT SOME CLOTHES ON. AND DON'T MIND CHRIS, HE'S JUST JOKING.

I KNOW I KNOW. IT'S STILL KIND OF WEIRD THAT HE GOT LIKE THIS SIMPLY BECAUSE HE IS DRUNK.

ARE WE GOING TO GO TO SEE ROSE AND LOUIS?



YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK I WANT TO GO OUT WITH A FAT CHICK. YEAH... THAT'S WHAT I WANT.

YEAH, ROSE AND LOUIS. I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM IN A WHILE.

JUST LET ME GET SOME PANTS ON. AND THEN WE CAN SOBER UP MY GOOD FRIEND HERE.

I HAVE FEELING THAT TONIGHT WILL BE GOOD. OH MY GOOD.



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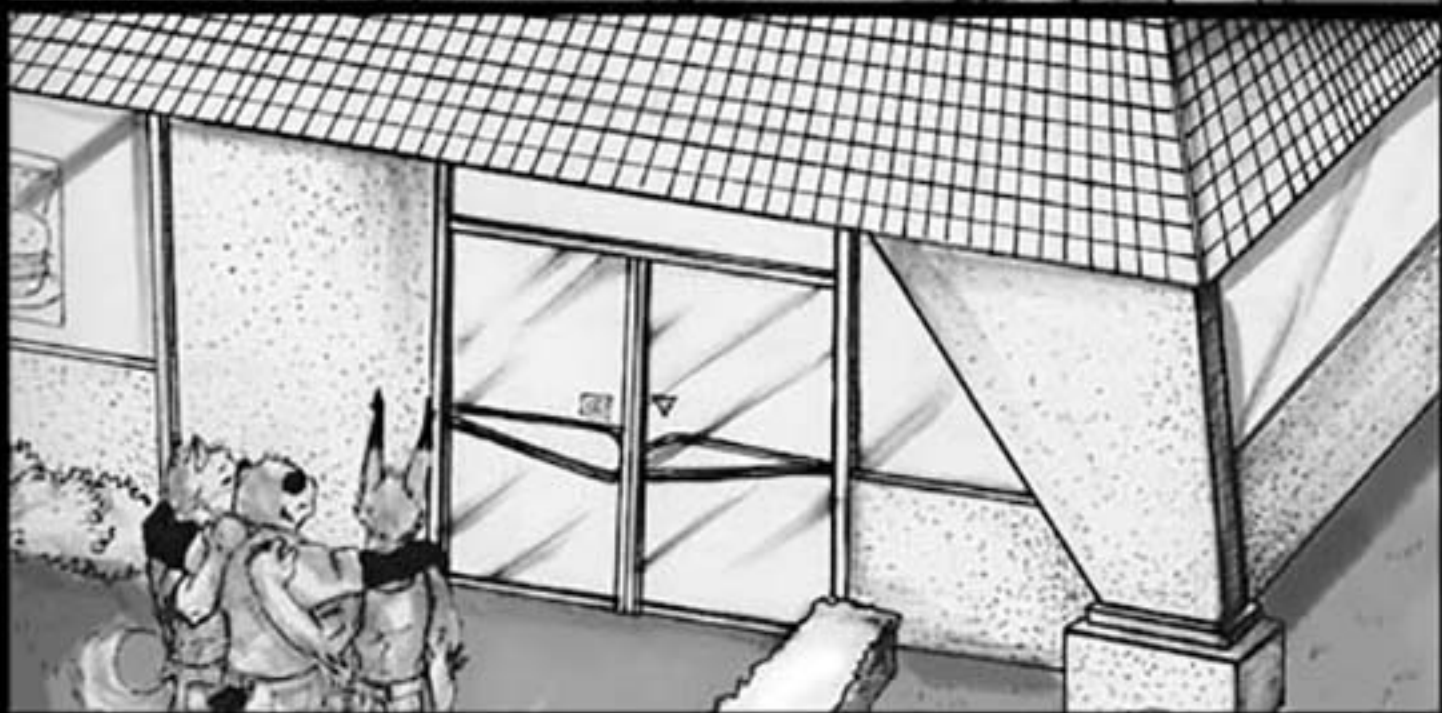


I WANT YOU
GUYS TO KNOW THAT
I REALLY LOVE YOU.
YOU GUYS ARE
AMAZING.



I CAN STILL
SMELL THE
ALCOHOL ON
HIS BREATH.
WHAT ON
EARTH DID
HE DRINK?


I DON'T KNOW
SOME OLD MAN
GAVE IT
TO ME.






HEY GUYS!

HUH?



I FIGURED EVERYONE
WOULD BE HERE
TONIGHT. I MEAN
WE ALWAYS MEET
HERE ON
FRIDAYS.



YOU LITTLE FLUFFBALL!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING?
I'VE ONLY TALKED TO YOU A
COUPLE OF TIMES OVER THE PHONE,
AND HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN YOU
IN THE FLESH FOR ALMOST
A MONTH NOW.

I KNOW I KNOW,
I'VE BEEN BUSY.
AND I'VE MISSED YOU
TOO.

IT'S GOOD TO BE
BACK. IT FEELS
LIKE FOREVER!



FIRST THOUGH, LET ME
INTRODUCE INDIGO.

HE'S
MY MATE.



HELLO
THERE.

HE'S THE REASON
I'M HERE TONIGHT.

NICE TO
MEET YOU
ALL.



SO, LET'S GO
INSIDE. I
HAVE SO MUCH
TO TELL
YOU.

IT'S BEEN
QUITE THE
COUPLE OF
WEEKS.



SO I FINALLY
HUNG UP ON THE GUY.
I TOLD HIM THAT I MY
BUSINESS WAS BRINGING
IN THREE TIMES AS
MUCH MONEY AS
ANY OTHER
IN THAT AREA,
AND THAT I WAS
KEEPING MY RAINBOW
FLAG ON THE
DOOR.

THAT'S
AWESOME! I'M
SO HAPPY FOR
YOU!

HEY HEY!
LOOK AT WHAT THE
CAT DRAGGED
IN.

HELLO
GIRLS!

YOU CHEEKY COW!
WHERE HAVE YOU
BEEN HIDING?

I WAS
STARTING TO
GET WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.
I EVEN
HEARD
RUMMORS
THAT YOU HAD
GONE STRAIGHT!

HA HA HA HAI
|
MEI? STRAIGHT?

SORRY HON, BUT
BELIEVE HALF
OF WHAT YOU
SEE AND NONE
OF WHAT YOU HEAR.
I STILL LIKE MEN MORE THAN
ROCK STARS LIKE DRUGS.

BUT IT'S GOOD TO
SEE YOU AGAIN. I MISSED
YOU.

WELL HELLOOOO
THERE.

YOU MUST BE THE
GUY THAT TOOK OUR
LITTLE FOX OFF HIS
FEET.

I SUPPOSE I AM.
MY NAME IS INDIGO,
INDIGO BLUE.
IT'S NICE TO MEET
YOU ALL.

IT'S NICE TO FINALLY
MEET IAN'S FRIENDS.

I HAVE
HEARD A LOT
ABOUT YOU
GUYS.

I'M NATASHA.

NICE TO MEETCHA
NATASHA!

I'M GOING
TO TAKE A
WILD GUESS
AND SAY THAT
THAT YOU ARE
SAETTO
AND
CHRIS?

THE FOX IS
ANDY AND THAT
IS HIS NEW
BOYFRIEND?

LOOK AT THEM
ALL.



NO ROSE!
I'M NOT ANSWERING
THAT QUESTION. MY GOD
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND YOU,
YOU ARE SO
SHAMELESS.

BEING
SHAMEFUL
NEVER GOT
ME ANYWHERE.

PLEASE TELL ME
YOU GUYS DON'T
HAVE PLANS
FOR LATER
ON TONIGHT?

WE HAVE SOME
PLANS, BUT THEY
ARE FLEXIBLE.
WHAT DO YOU
HAVE IN MIND?

I BET IT'S
THE SAME
THING ALL
YOU WILD
ANIMALS
ALWAYS HAVE
IN MIND.



I REALLY DON'T
WANT THIS TO END.



OK, FINE, DON'T TELL ME, I'LL
JUST MOVE MY FINGERS
APART, YOU NOD WHEN I
SHOULD STOP.

ALRIGHT.

YOU KNOW WHAT, THOSE CHAPS
HAVE GOTTEN A LOT MORE USE SINCE
HALLOWEEN.

HAHAHAHA!
I WANNA
SEE THAT!



ALL MY FRIENDS
ARE HERE, AND ALL
OF THEM ARE HAPPY.
AND HE IS HERE, AND
I LOVE HIM, AND HE
LOVES ME.

SO WHY AM I
FREAKING OUT?
WHY AM I NOT HAPPY?

THIS IS NOT
GOING TO LAST. I KNOW
THAT. THE NIGHT WILL END,
AND A NEW DAY WILL
START, BUT IT MIGHT
NOT BE AS GOOD.

THEN AGAIN
IT MIGHT BE EVEN
BETTER.

BUT I AM SCARED
TO FIND THAT OUT.
I JUST DON'T WANT TONIGHT
TO END.

I WANT IT TO
LAST FOREVER.



HEY HANDSOME,
ARE YOU GOING
TO JOIN US?

I'M BEING AN IDIOT.

OF COURSE I'M GOING
TO JOIN HIM. I
LOVE HIM.



I WILL ALWAYS
LOVE HIM.



I LOVE HIM.
I LOVE THEM
ALL.
THEY ARE-AND
ALWAYS
WILL BE MY
FAMILY.



I'M SORRY
I WAS BEING
SUCH A
DOWNER.

IT'S OK. I JUST
HOPE THAT YOU
HAVE WORKED
OUT WHATEVER
WAS TROUBLING
YOU;
AND THAT
YOU KNOW
I AM HERE
TO HELP
IF YOU
NEED ME.

I KNOW.



LOOK, WE ARE HERE AGAIN! IT'S SO HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG AND WE BOTH HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH.

I'M SO GLAD THAT I TOOK A CHANCE AND CAME UP TO YOU.

I KNOW! ISN'T IT GREAT? I MEAN, LOOK AT HOW HAPPY EVERYONE IS. IT'S REALLY AMAZING.

I'M GLAD YOU DID TOO. BECAUSE THE SPOTLIGHT IS SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO SHARE IT WITH.





THE END

